(i) Enactment of a legislation i.e. Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 for mandatory usage of jute packaging material for certain sectors of the economy.

(ii) Setting up of Jute Modernisation Fund of Rs. 150 crores with effect from 1st November, 1986 for modernisation of jute mills.

(iii) Setting up of a Special Development Fund of Rs. 100 crores for restructuring/re-opening/rehabilitation of jute industry as well as development of jute agriculture.

(iv) Waiver of Customs duty on import of certain specified items of jute machinery and accessories with a view to encouraging modernisation programme of jute mills.

(v) Providing cash compensatory support for export of jute goods.

(vi) Purchase of jute goods by Government (DGS&D) from jute industry at cost plus price according to Palekar formula.

(vii) Creation of a buffer stock scheme of raw jute so as to bring stability in raw jute prices.

Killing of an Assistant Commissioner of Income-Tax in Tinsukia, Assam

3469. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax was shot dead at Tinsukia in Assam on the 1st August, 1988; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to provide protection to such officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer to Part (a) of the Question, does not arise.

Export of Cotton

3470. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated a bumper crop of cotton during the current year; if so, what is the estimated quantity thereof;

(b) whether Government are examining the possibility of export of cotton; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) While a good crop of cotton is expected during 1988-89 in view of the abundant rains this year, a provisional estimate is possible only by October/November, 1988.

(b) and (c) The quantum of export of cotton will depend upon factors such as crop size, domestic requirements and prices. No details in this regard can be indicated at this time.

Identification of Rivers with the Object of Removal of Pollution

3471. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some rivers have been identified during the last three months for the purpose of removal of pollution; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Though no such identification has been undertaken in the last three months, the Central Pollution Control Board has completed detailed river basin studies for the rivers Ganga, Yammuna, Damodar, Subarnarekha, Brahmani-Baitarni, Krishna and Sabarmati. Studies are in progress for the river Cau-